Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

Sigfied Charloll P.C.

Accountant Signature

Local Gov	ernment Type		Village	Other	Local Government Township		1		County		
Audit Date 3/31/04			Opinion 6/21 /				ntant Report Submi	tted to State:	I		
accordar	ice with th	ie St	atements of	the Govern	nmental Accou	unting Star	t and rendered dards Board (gan by the Mich	GASB) and the	ne <i>Uniform</i>	Reportii	
We affirr	n that:										
1. We l	nave comp	lied v	vith the <i>Bulle</i> :	tin for the A	udits of Local U	Units of Go	ernment in Mic	chigan as revis	ed.		
2. We a	are certified	d pub	lic accountar	nts registere	d to practice in	n Michigan.					
	er affirm th ts and reco		_	responses l	nave been disc	closed in the	e financial state	ements, includi	ng the notes	, or in th	ne report of
You must	check the	appl	icable box for	r each item	below.						
Yes	√ No	1.	Certain com	oonent units	/funds/agencie	es of the lo	cal unit are excl	uded from the	financial sta	atements	3.
Yes	Yes Volume No. 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A 275 of 1980).						arnings (P.A.				
Yes	√ No		There are ir amended).	istances of	non-complian	ce with the	Uniform Acco	ounting and Bu	udgeting Act	(P.A. 2	2 of 1968, as
Yes	√ No						ther an order Jency Municipa		the Municipa	al Finar	nce Act or its
Yes	√ No						do not comply amended [MC	_	requiremen	ts. (P.A	20 of 1943,
Yes	√ No	6.	The local uni	t has been	delinquent in d	listributing t	ax revenues th	at were collecte	ed for anothe	er taxin	g unit.
Yes	The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned Yes No 7. pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).							-			
Yes	✓ No		The local ur (MCL 129.24		dit cards and	has not a	dopted an appl	licable policy a	as required	by P.A.	266 of 1995
Yes	✓ No	9.	The local uni	it has not ad	lopted an inves	stment polic	cy as required b	y P.A. 196 of	1997 (MCL 1	29.95).	
We have	e enclosed	l the	following:					Enclosed	To Be Forward		Not Required
The lette	er of comm	ents	and recommo	endations.							√
Reports	on individu	al fe	deral financia	ll assistance	programs (pro	ogram audi	ts).				✓
Single A	udit Repor	ts (A	SLGU).								✓
	ublic Account	•	,								
Street Add							City Kalamazoo		State MI	ZIP 49002	2-5599

Date

9/28/04

Township of Mason Cass County, Michigan FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Township of Mason, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Mason, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Mason, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit of the financial statements was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining, individual fund statements, and other data listed in the contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Mason, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Sigfried Cranboll P.C.

June 21, 2004



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Township of Mason COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - all fund types and account group

March 31, 2004

ASSETS	Governmental fund type General
Cash Receivables: Taxes Accounts Due from other funds Due from other governmental units Fixed assets TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 230,064 4,208 4,138 87 23,701 - \$ 262,198
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES: Due to other funds Due to other governmental units Due to others	\$ - - 1,034
Total liabilities FUND EQUITY: Investment in general fixed assets Fund balance - unreserved: Designated Undesignated	1,034 - 210,000 51,164
Total fund equity	261,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 262,198

Fiduciary fund type Agency		Account group General fixed assets		Toto (memoran 2004				
\$	1,401	\$	-	\$	231,465	\$	225,098	
	-		-		4,208 4,138		4,124 3,870	
	_		_		87		3	
	-		_		23,701		25,503	
			475,021		475,021		475,021	
\$	1,401	<u>\$</u>	475,021	\$	738,620	\$	733,619	
\$	87	\$	-	\$	87 45	\$	3	
	45 1,269		<u> </u>		2,303		2,810 1,400	
	1,401				2,435		4,213	
	-		475,021		475,021		475,021	
	-		- -		210,000 51,164		210,000 44,385	
			475,021		736,185		729,406	
\$	1,401	\$	475,021	\$	738,620	\$	733,619	

Township of Mason STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - General Fund

		2004		2003
		2004	Variance	2003
			favorable	
	Budget	Actual	(unfavorable)	Actual
REVENUES:			<u>. </u>	
Taxes	\$ 45,800	\$ 42,244	\$ (3,556)	\$ 39,877
Licenses and permits	30,700	30,688	(12)	38,809
State grants	195,000	181,061	(13,939)	194,613
Charges for services	1,300	4,725	3,425	700
Interest and rentals	4,000	3,744	(256)	4,306
Other	2,500	592	(1,908)	4,403
Total revenues	279,300	263,054	(16,246)	282,708
Total revendes	270,000	200,004	(10,240)	202,700
EXPENDITURES:				
Legislative	6,227	5,785	442	5,338
General government	116,047	90,040	26,007	88,141
Public safety	102,800	97,104	5,696	102,859
Public works	60,884	56,807	4,077	64,956
Economic and community				
development	7,797	6,250	1,547	12,487
Capital outlay	11,400	290	11,110	30,887
Total expenditures	305,155	256,276	48,879	304,668
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES	2			
OVER EXPENDITURES	(25,855)	6,778	32,633	(21,960)
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FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING				
OF YEAR	254,385	254,385		276,345
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 228,530	\$ 261,163	\$ 32,633	\$ 254,385

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Township of Mason, Michigan (the Township), conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

a) Reporting entity:

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, these financial statements represent the Township. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency, and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included. The Township has determined that no other outside agency meets the above criteria and, therefore, no other agency has been included as a blended or discretely-presented component unit in the Township's financial statements.

b) Basis of presentation:

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to, and accounted for in, individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The financial activities of the Township are recorded in the separate funds and account group, categorized, and described as follows:

i) Governmental fund:

General Fund - this fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes, state distribution, interest, and charges for certain services.

ii) Fiduciary funds:

Agency funds - these funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

b) Basis of presentation (continued):

iii) Account group:

General fixed asset account group - Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. Public domain ("infra-structure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems, are not capitalized along with other general fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

c) Basis of accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

All governmental fund types and fiduciary funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Also, expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses.

d) Budgets and budgetary accounting:

The Township follows the procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Act No. 621, Public Acts of 1978) as prescribed by the State of Michigan.

The budget for the General Fund is adopted at the activity level and is on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

e) Receivables:

All receivables are estimated to be fully collectible as presented.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

f) Property tax revenue recognition:

Property tax revenue is recognized in the year for which taxes have been levied and become available. Property taxes are levied as of December 1 on property values assessed as of December 31 of the prior year. The billings are due on February 14, with the final collection date of February 28, at which date the bill becomes delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the Township. The Township recognizes property taxes levied December 1 as revenue of the current year as such revenue is considered measurable and available net assets.

g) Totals (memorandum only):

The total column on the combined statements is captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that it is prepared only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation as interfund eliminations have not been made.

h) Comparative data:

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Township's financial position and results of operations. However, comparative data (i.e. presentation of prior year's totals by fund type) has not been presented in each of the statements because their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS:

A reconciliation of cash to the Township's deposits, as shown in the combined balance sheet, is as follows:

Financial statements: Cash	\$ <u>231,465</u>
Notes to financial statements: Deposits Cash on hand	\$231,450 15
	\$ <u>231,465</u>

Deposits with financial institutions:

At March 31, 2004, the Township has deposits with a carrying amount of \$231,450 and a bank balance of \$252,711, all of which is covered by federal depository insurance and.

NOTE 3 - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS:

The following is a schedule of changes in general fixed assets of the Township during the year ended March 31, 2004:

	Balance April <u>1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance March 31, 2004
Land and land improvements Buildings and improvements Office furniture and equipment	\$103,310 328,837 42,874	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$103,310 328,837 42,874
Total investment in general fixed assets	\$ <u>475,021</u>	\$ <u> - </u>	\$ <u> - </u>	\$ <u>475,021</u>

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2004, are as follows:

Interfund <u>Fund</u> <u>receivable</u>		<u>Fund</u>	Interfund <u>payable</u>
General	\$ <u>87</u>	Tax Collection	\$ <u>87</u>

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for each of these claims and is neither self-insured nor participates in a shared-risk pool. Settled claims relating to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 6 - CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT:

A summary of construction code enforcement transactions for the year ended March 31, 2004, is as follows:

Permit revenues	\$ 23,360
Inspections	<u>27,213</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (3,853)

Township of Mason NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

Subsequent to March 31, 2004, the Township entered into a project with Ontwa Township to Construct a wastewater collection system located within both Mason and Ontwa Townships. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$2,600,000 and will be financed through the issuance of a \$2,590,000 Wastewater Collection System Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation). Of the total cost, the Township's portion is \$1,600,000, which will be financed through the creation of a special assessment district. The collections will begin during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.



Township of Mason STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - General Fund

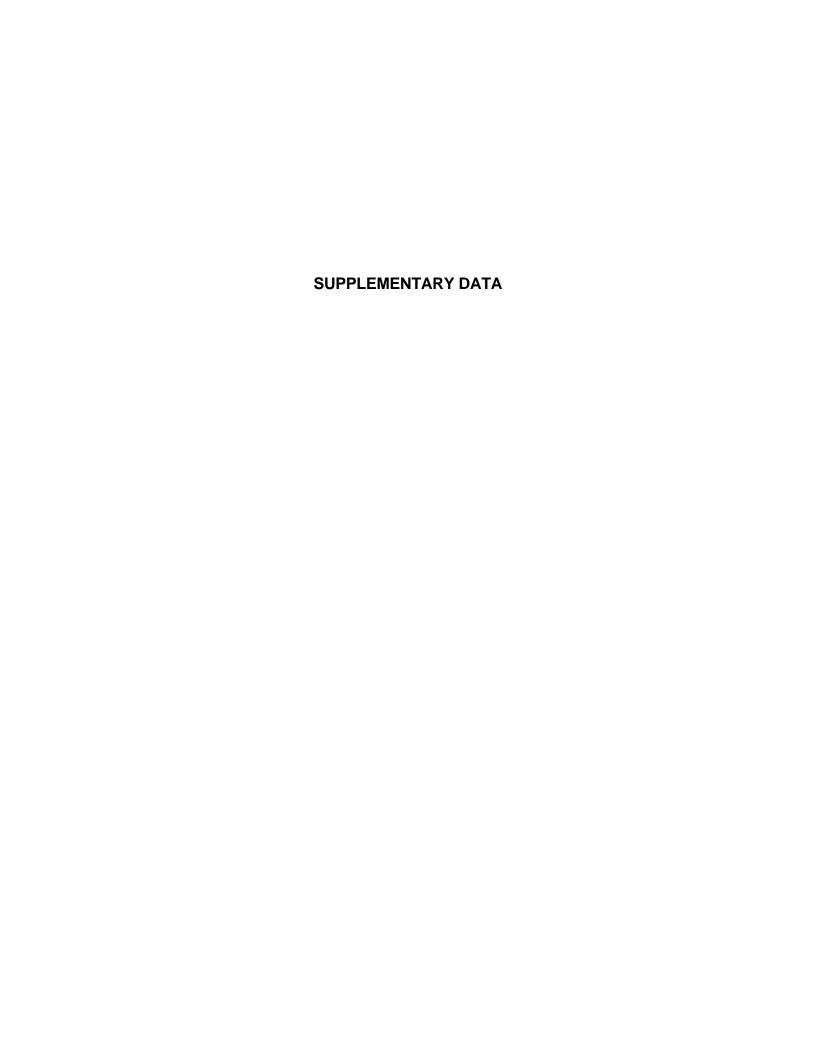
REVENUES:	Budget		Actual		Variance favorable (unfavorable)	
Taxes:						
Property taxes Trailer park fees	\$	45,000 800	\$ 	41,316 928	\$	(3,684) 128
Total taxes		45,800		42,244		(3,556)
Licenses and permits: Building permits Cablevision franchise fees Other		26,000 1,000 3,700		23,360 4,138 3,190		(2,640) 3,138 (510)
Total licenses and permits		30,700		30,688		(12)
State grants - state shared revenue		195,000		181,061		(13,939)
Charges for services - cemetery operations		1,300	_	4,725		3,425
Interest and rentals		4,000		3,744		(256)
Other: Library contributions Miscellaneous		1,500 1,000		- 592		(1,500) (408)
Total other		2,500		592		(1,908)
Total revenues		279,300		263,054		(16,246)
EXPENDITURES: Legislative - board		6,227		5,785		442

Township of Mason STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - General Fund (Continued)

EXPENDITURES (Continued):	<u> </u>	Budget	_	Actual	fav	ariance vorable avorable)
General government: Supervisor	\$	7,985	\$	7,718	\$	267
Elections	Ψ	42	Ψ	42	Ψ	-
Assessor		13,600		11,642		1,958
Clerk		10,545		9,785		760
Treasurer		14,519		14,065		454
Cemetery		7,470		4,366		3,104
Township hall and grounds		20,333		11,783		8,550
Board of review		1,520		1,489		31
Township administration		40,033		29,150		10,883
Total general government		116,047		90,040		26,007
Public safety:						
Fire and ambulance service		75,100		69,891		5,209
Building inspections		27,700		27,213		487
Total public safety		102,800		97,104		5,696
Public works - highways and streets		60,884		56,807		4,077
Economic and community development - Planning commission		7,797		6,250		1,547
Capital outlay		11,400		290		11,110
Total expenditures		305,155		256,276		48,879
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(25,855)		6,778		32,633
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR		254,385		254,385		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	228,530	\$	261,163	<u>\$</u>	32,633

Township of Mason STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - all agency funds Year ended March 31, 2004

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	Balance April 1, 2003	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance March 31, 2004
ASSETS: Cash	\$ 1,400	\$ 6,443	\$ 6,574	\$ 1,269
LIABILITIES: Due to other funds Due to other governmental units Due to others	\$ - - 1,400	\$ 928 4,640 875	\$ 928 4,640 1,006	\$ - - 1,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,400	\$ 6,443	\$ 6,574	\$ 1,269
TAX COLLECTION FUND				
ASSETS: Cash	<u>\$ 584</u>	<u>\$ 1,213,534</u>	\$ 1,213,986	<u>\$ 132</u>
LIABILITIES: Due to other funds Due to other governmental units Due to Others	\$ 3 581 	\$ 37,302 1,165,445 10,787	\$ 37,218 1,165,981 10,787	\$ 87 45
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 584	\$ 1,213,534	\$ 1,213,986	\$ 132
TOTALS - ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
ASSETS: Cash	\$ 1,984	\$ 1,219,977	\$ 1,220,560	\$ 1,401
LIABILITIES: Due to other funds Due to other governmental units Due to others	\$ 3 581 1,400	\$ 38,230 1,170,085 11,662	\$ 38,146 1,170,621 11,793	\$ 87 45 1,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,984	\$ 1,219,977	\$ 1,220,560	<u>\$ 1,401</u>



Township of Mason SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - General Fund

	Actual
	Actual
EXPENDITURES:	
Legislative:	
Board:	Φ 0.000
Trustee fees	\$ 3,226
Wages and fees	2,559
Total legislative	5,785
General government:	
Supervisor - salary and wages	7,718
Elections:	
Supplies	42
Assessor:	
Contracted services	10,100
Operating supplies	
Operating supplies	1,542
Total assessor	11,642
Clerk:	
Salary and wages	8,979
Memberships and dues	476
Travel	282
Office supplies	48
Total clerk	9,785
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Treasurer:	0.050
Salary and wages	8,250
Contracted services	3,989
Office supplies	1,767
Travel	59
Total treasurer	14,065

Township of Mason SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - General Fund (Continued)

EXPENDITURES (Continued):	Actual
General government (continued):	
Cemetery:	
Salary and wages	\$ 870
Mowing and snow removal	3,496
Total cemetery	4,366
Township hall and grounds:	
Snow and trash removal	4,830
Utilities	2,219
Building and equipment maintenance	325
Telephone	1,668
Contracted services - parks	29
Electricity	1,620
Contractual services	840
Security	252
Total Township hall and grounds	11,783
Board of review:	
Fees	1,360
Membership and dues	129
Total board of review	1,489

Township of Mason SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - General Fund (Continued)

	,	Actual
EXPENDITURES (Continued):		
General government (continued):		
Township administration:		
Insurance	\$	7,134
Legal services	Ψ	6,766
Payroll taxes		4,807
Audit services		3,100
Memberships and dues		1,518
Other		1,822
Operating supplies		2,010
Computer and software maintenance		1,477
Printing and publishing		516
Timing and pasiering		0.0
Total Township administration		29,150
Total general government		90,040
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Public safety:		
Fire and ambulance protection:		
Contractual services		69,465
Fire board travel		426
Total fire and ambulance protection		69,891
Building inspector:		
Salary		5,391
Contract labor		3,629
Wages and fees		17,534
Membership dues		112
Office supplies		536
Travel		11
Total building inspector		27,213
Total public safety		97,104

Township of Mason SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - General Fund (Continued)

EXPENDITURES (Continued):	Actual
Public works: Highways and streets - contractual services Street lighting	\$ 54,302 2,505
Total public works	56,807
Economic and community development Planning commission:	5.400
Board fees and wages Office supplies	5,486 <u>764</u>
Total economic and community development	6,250
Capital outlay	290
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 256,276